

greater part of the events of the Old Testament, even many of the New Testament, are simply borrowed from non-Christian religions or non-Christian stories. I attended a course at the University of Pennsylvania about ~~two~~ twenty years ago in the 5-11 Epica, a great Babylonian epic. There were two of us in the class. There was a young Jew of an Orthodox Jewish family and myself. The professor who taught this course, Dr. ~~J. S.~~ George A. Barton, now deceased, who was also professor in the Episcopal Divinity School, was going through this ~~study~~ story of Gilghemish for us and we were interested in the grammatical forms and the meanings of them. That was our purpose. It wasn't a course in the study of religion or anything of the kind. But as we went through Dr. Barton would bring in little references to the Old Testament or to the New Testament from time to time. The story of Gilghemish starts with the telling of the great hero there in 5-11^{1/2}. And it says that this man was one-third God and two-thirds man. Dr. Barton said that shows where the idea came from of Christ being half God and half man. It came from this Gilghemish story, one-third god and ~~two~~ thirds man. And then as we went on we read about this hero who was two-thirds man and one-third god who oppressed the people ~~if~~ and he forced the people to build great walls around the city and they were so tired and worn out with the ~~his~~ terrific labor that he compelled them to do that they cried out to one of the goddesses for help and in order to help them she took some clay and she molded them together and she spat upon it and she made it in the shape of a person and she put this man down there in the field to be a great powerful hero in order that he should come up and fight the other one who was oppressing the people and thus the people would get some relief and as we read that, he said that is where the story comes from that we read in Genesis 2 that God took of the dust of the earth and He breathed into it and that is the story of creation coming right from this. I remember seeing this young Jewish fellow sitting almost with open mouth, he said, "My, isn't it interesting to see where all these things come from." He just accepted it unquestionably. This was the source